

REMARKS

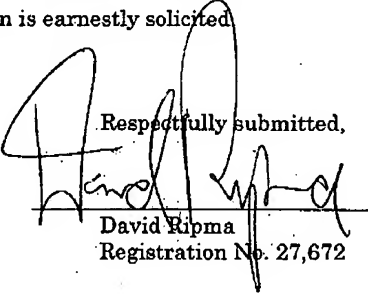
This paper is responsive to an Office Action dated August 24, 2004. Prior to this amendment claims 16 and 17 were pending. After amending claim 16, and adding claims 18-21, claims 16-21 remain pending.

The Office Action states that claims 16 and 17 are anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) with respect to Watabe et al. (US 5,146,291). Specifically, the Office Action states that Watabe discloses a concentration range inside the claimed LDD concentration range. In response, the Applicant still maintains that a person skilled in the art would read "10¹⁸" as 1·10¹⁸. However, to advance the claims to issue, the Applicant has amended claim 16 to definitely exclude any possible overlap of range with Watabe. New claim 18 recites a gate length that is not disclosed by Watabe. New claim 20 recites a relationship between gate length and gate oxide length that is not disclosed by Watabe.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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